

We thank you in advance
for your civic-mindedness
and wish you a lovely and
respectful discovery
of our river!

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Information
about
the Sorgue
River

NAVIGATING THE SORGUE: WHERE? WHEN? How?

*All you need to know
about navigation
on the Sorgue River*

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REGULATIONS RELATED TO NAVIGATION ON THE SORGUE RIVER

Starting May 28, 2019

o Are all types of floating permitted?

NO - Other than rescue or maintenance boats, only canoes, kayaks, joster's barges, paddle sports craft, and "négo'chins" are authorized.

o Is swimming in the river allowed?

YES and NO - Most communities prohibit swimming, by municipal order. Swimming is done at your own risk, respecting private properties and the natural environment.

o Is navigating on the river permitted year-round and 24 hours a day?

NO* - Navigation on the Sorgue river is permitted as follows:

May 15 – June 30 From 9:30 to 18:00	July 1 - August 31 from 9:30 to 18:00	September 1- October 15** from 9:30 to 18:00
> Canoes-kayaks > Other paddle sports	> Only Canoes-kayaks	> Canoes-kayaks > Other paddle sports

**Some types of navigators are not subject to the aforementioned regulations.*

***Except on the 3rd Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of September (end of the fishing season).*

o Does the river have to be at a certain flow speed for navigation?

YES - Navigation is prohibited if the flow speed of the water is less than or equal to 4 m³/s over 2 consecutive days.

Find further information on www.vigicrues.gouv.fr (code V6155020)

o Is the river access permitted everywhere?

NO - The Sorgue is not a State-owned river: its banks and half of its riverbed belong to local owners.

Access to the banks, as well as all points of entry or exit from the water, are only allowed via public areas (roads, public spaces, etc.).

A FEW RULES OF THUMB:

- Check current regulations depending on your type of craft, the date, and the place selected.
- The equilibrium of this natural environment, which is exposed to human activity, is fragile, so please be respectful:
don't collect plants, observe animals silently, do not leave waste behind you...
- The river is a living space, so please respect other users and equipment: fishermen, power plants...
 - Please follow safety guidelines:
life jacket is required, craft should be in good conditions, etc.
- The water of the Sorgue is particularly cold and there are a lot of hydraulic equipments:
be careful all along your route!

- **THE SORGUE IS A LIVING RIVER:**
the biodiversity it hosts and its equilibrium are fragile.

- **THE SORGUE IS NOT A STATE-OWNED RIVER:**
you may navigate it, but not docking on its banks.

- **THE SORGUE IS AN INHABITED RIVER:**
local river residents also have the right to a certain amount of tranquility.

- **THE SORGUE IS A RIVER FOR INDUSTRIAL USE:**
power and processing plants want to keep their production equipment in good conditions.

- **THE SORGUE IS A RIVER FOR FISHING:**
fishermen like to keep practicing their passion on a river with a high level of quality fish.

- **THE SORGUE IS A NAVIGABLE RIVER:**
would you like to keep enjoying it?